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**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**

Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.66 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated August 24, 2006 for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

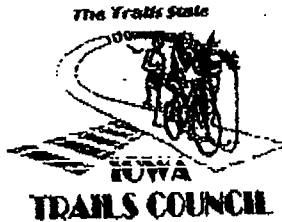
  
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Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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August 24, 2006

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" St NW  
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Dear Secretary Williams

This is with reference to AB-33 (Sub No. 201 X). We are requesting an extension of time in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this former railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Coulter in Franklin County, Iowa. The time previously allotted to us will expire on August 27 of this year.

The Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to convey title to this property to us but the required work to accomplish this has not as yet been finalized. We are therefore requesting extension of time in which to conclude these negotiations, this being the usual time period of 180 days.

Ten copies of this letter are being provided to your office and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad, seeking their concurrence with this extension of time.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan